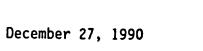
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EXHIBIT 7 NDA SUBMISSION LETTER

PARKE-DAVIS

Pharmaceutical Research Division Warner-Lambert Company



NDA 20-130
Ref. No. 1
Estrostep (norethindrone and ethinyl estradiol, USP) Tablets

Re: Original New Drug Application

Food and Drug Administration Document and Records Section 12420 Parklawn Drive Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dear Str/Madam:

Enclosed is a New Drug Application for Estrostep (norethindrone acetate and ethinyl estradiol, USP) Tablets for oral contraception. Estrostep will be provided in a 21- or 28-day package, for dosing starting with 5 days of a triangular, white tablet containing 1 mg of norethindrone acetate (NA) and 20 μg of ethinyl estradiol (EE), then 7 days of a square, white tablet containing 1 mg NA and 30 μg of EE, followed by 9 days of a round, white tablet containing 1 mg NA and 35 μg of EE. The 28-day package will also contain 7 round, brown tablets containing 75 mg ferrous fumarate, USP.

Estrostep is a graduated-estrogen-dose oral contraceptive. The unique dosage formulation of ethinyl estradiol and norethindrone acetate is designed to provide a gradually increasing amount of estrogen to the developing endometrium while maintaining low total monthly exposure to these steroids without compromising cycle control.

This NDA contains the results of study 376-364, a clinical study which meets the FDA guideline of 600 women for 6 cycles for a new oral contraceptive product containing previously approved drug substances.

Parke-Davis has met with the agency on numerous occasions to discuss the development of Estrostep (e.g., July 20, September 15, October 24, 1989). Please note that this NDA is for tablets of the same composition and manufactured by the same process as the clinical tablets. Results of bioavailability studies of tablets used in the efficacy trials are contained in the NDA. Since the tablets to be marketed are of the same composition and will be manufactured using the same process as the clinical tablets, bioequivalence studies of these clinical and commercial tablets are not appropriate.

Estrostep has been investigated by Parke-Davis under IND 31,861. Please also refer to NDA 13-554 for Norlestrin and NDA 17-876 for Loestrin for information on Nonclinical Pharmacology and Toxicology (NDA Item 5) for the active drug substances in Estrostep (norethindrone acetate and ethinyl estradiol).

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The patent and exclusivity information required by 21 U.S.C. 355 (b)(1) is provided in this volume as Item 13.

Four copies of the Methods Validation Package are contained with this NDA: one copy with the archival copy and three with the Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls review copy. Draft copies of the physician package insert are contained in the archival copy and each of the technical review copies in Volume 1.

Parke-Davis will test the stability of at least the first three commercial lots of each strength of tablet according to the commercial stability testing protocol provided in Item 3, Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls, of this application. Please also refer to the discussion between Dr. Yuan Yuan Chiu of the Division of Metabolism and Endocrine Drug Products and Dr. Sean Brennan of our staff on October 26, 1990. During this meeting it was agreed that 3-month stability data on the full scale lots could be submitted to this NDA during the 60-day window between submission and filing. We hereby make such a commitment as well as agree to update stability data obtained via the developmental stability protocol described in Item 3 of this NDA through additional NDA amendments. Additionally, draft copies of the typeset package and container labels will be provided in the first amendment to this NDA.

Estrostep has not been submitted for registration in any other country.

During your review of this application, please contact the undersigned at (313) 996-7756 for any questions pertaining to this NDA.

Sincerely yours,

Irwin G. Martin, Ph.D.

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I agree to update this application with new safety information about the drug that may reasonably affect the statement of contraindications, warnings, precautions, or adverse reactions in the draft labeling. I agree to submit these safety update reports as follows: (1) 4 months after the initial submission, (2) following receipt of an approvable letter and (3) at other times as requested by FDA. If this application is approved, I agree to comply with all laws and regulations that apply to approved applications, including the following: 1. Good manufacturing practice regulations in 21 CFR 210 and 211 2. Labeling regulations in 21 CFR 201. 3. In the case of a prescription drug product, prescription drug advertising regulations in 21 CFR 202. 4. Regulations on making changes in application in 21 CFR 314 70, 314 71, and 314 72. 5. Regulations on reports in 21 CFR 314 80 and 314.81. 6. Local, state and Federal environmental impact laws. If this application applies to a drug product that FDA has proposed for scheduling under the controlled substances Act I agree not to market the product until the Drug Enforcement Administration makes a final scheduling decision.								
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